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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH POLISH AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. THE FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST EMERGED FROM LUNCH
CONVERSATION OF DEP. ASST. SEC. ARMITAGE (EUR) WITH
POLISH AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI.

2. MITREGA VISIT. ARMITAGE SAID POLISH DRAFT OF COOPERA-
TIVE AGREEMENT IN ENERGY FIELD STRUCK US AT FIRST READING
AS BEING QUITE FAR-REACHING AND PROBABLY MORE THAN WE
WOULD BE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE AT THIS TIME. HE RECALLED
HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENT TO TRAMPCZYNSKI THAT DEPARTMENT
OF INTERIOR WAS CHARGED WITH FAR-REACHING RESPONSIBILITY
FOR DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY SOURCES WITHIN WHICH
COOPERATIVE FOREIGN ARRANGEMENTS HAD TO BE ACCOMMODATED.
TRAMPCZYNSKI ASSENTED THAT AGREEMENT WAS QUITE AMBITIOUS
BUT SAID HE WOULD ANTICIPATE NO GREAT DIFFICULTY IN
ARRIVING AT AGREEMENT ON SOMEWHAT MORE MODEST PROGRAM
OF COOPERATION.

3. ARMITAGE SAID THAT, SPEAKING CONFIDENTIALLY,
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AMBASSADOR SHOULD BE AWARE THAT IT MIGHT PROVE PREFERABLE

TO NEGOTIATE CONTENT OF AGREEMENT BEFORE AND DURING

MITREGA VISIT AND HAVE SIGNING OF AGREEMENT AT SOMEWHAT LATER DATE. TRAMPCZYNSKI EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING THIS POSSIBILITY.

4. FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY REORGANIZATION. TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID THE RESHUFFLE IN FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY HAD COME SOMEWHAT UNEXPECTEDLY. HE SAID REORGANIZATION HAD ITS ROOTS IN PARTY/GOVERNMENTAL DISSATISFACTION WITH DEGREE OF SUCCESS IN GENERATING POLISH EXPORTS, PARTICULARLY TO HARD CURRENCY COUNTRIES. THE PLANNING OFFICE AND MINISTRY HAD SUBMITTED SEPARATE AND DIFFERING PLANS FOR REMEDYING SITUATION TO PARTY/GOVERNMENT, AND PLANNING OFFICE PROPOSALS HAD BEEN ACCEPTED AS MUCH MORE WELL REASONED AND PROMISING. WHEN PLANNING OFFICE POSITION AFFIRMED, PERSONNEL SHIFTS TO FACILITATE IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED FOREIGN TRADE POLICY FOLLOWED. TRAMPCZYNSKI, FROM HIS PRIOR EXPERIENCE OF MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE, EXPRESSED SOME PERSONAL RESERVATIONS AS TO WISDOM OF MINISTRY BEING GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY RELATED TO PRODUCTION AREAS AS WELL AS FOREIGN TRADE OPERATIONS. HE CONSIDERED FUNCTIONS SUFFICIENTLY DISTINCT AND DIFFERENT AS TO HINDER EFFECTIVE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION.

5. JEWISH CEMETERY IN WARSAW. TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID POLISH GOVERNMENT HAD NOW INVITED PROFESSOR LEWIN TO COME TO WARSAW TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMOVAL OF BODIES FROM PORTION OF JEWISH CEMETERY THROUGH WHICH STREET WOULD NOW PASS. FOLLOWING VISIT TO WARSAW, LEWIN IS TO GO TO GENEVA IN JUNE TO REPORT THESE PLANS AND SEEK SOME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS.

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